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The name Job also means "afflicted". Job faced disaster upon disaster, but his faith did not falter. His faith reigned when he had a vision of the Lord in Job 19:23-27, as we pointed out last week. He wanted his words to be preserved and God in mercy allowed his experiences to be recorded in the Holy Scriptures and the scriptures are true and they bear witness to this man Job. What a wonderful character we find in him as he had to go through the school of affliction. In his trials he placed his faith in the one who was his Redeemer. The one who was his resurrection and he looked forward to the return of that kinsman redeemer. A kinsman redeemer is one that is related to the family by blood and has the resources to help a brother in debt. The reason he was given a double portion was so he could help the rest of his brethren in their hour of need. We are all debtors, we have all sinned and we could not come to God on our own, as we read in Psalm 49:6-8. We needed a kinsman and that is why the Bible says,

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

That meant that Jesus became part of the human family and that is the mystery of the incarnation, "God became a man". Jesus stood between the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man, and he paid the price to redeem man which was his precious blood. Because of the cross - the hand of God can be joined to the hand of man, and there is a

reconciliation between God and man. Man can have peace with God, and ultimately have the peace of God ruling in his heart and mind.

In this story there are many lessons to be learned, but we can only take a few. The two words I would like to bring in are suffering and glory. Jesus speaking to the two on the way to Emmaus corrected those two disciples because they were expecting a Messiah to come only as a king and not as a suffering servant. He had to open up the scriptures to them as we read in Luke,

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

What precedes the glory - the suffering! Many want the crown but few want the cross, but you cannot separate the sufferings from the glory. Look at what Job went through, but look at the outcome. We will read the New Testament commentary on Job in the book of James, but before we do that we want to point out the man that resisted Jesus going to the cross - you know much about him - it was Simon Peter. When Simon Peter heard that Jesus was going to go to the cross and die and rise again he said,

Matthew 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

The Lord had to give him a strong rebuke because Satan had put that thought in his mind,

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

The same Peter that confessed him as the “the Christ, the Son of the Living God”, is now trying to let Jesus escape the cross. Jesus had to go the way of the cross, there was no other way for man to be redeemed. Allow me to read a few scriptures from the epistle of Peter and notice how this same Peter has learned his lesson. He writes something not only from himself but out of his own experiences he exhorts the saints. He tells us in his first epistle and in the first chapter,

1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Please notice the sufferings first and the glory to follow. We go on to the fourth chapter and read,

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

That speaks for itself! Let go on to the fifth chapter,

1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Peter had to learn that lesson like the two on the way to Emmaus.

A verse I want to speak on, and I believe it would take several messages to expound upon,

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you

How many of us are willing to go through the school of suffering, whether it be spiritual, physical, mental or otherwise. AFTER you have suffered a while. That is the ultimate goal of God for all of his saints in this day and hour. God is looking for a mature, perfect (full grown, established - not unstable, strengthened and settled) saints. That is the kind of man that Job proved to be and that is the kind of apostle that God made out of Simon Peter. It is great to see Peter learning his lessons.

We will look at a few more verses, because the scriptures are written for our comfort and exhortation. Look at these beautiful words that we are familiar with, but we need to keep them in our hearts all the time.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

How long is our light affliction - for a moment, it is only for a period of time and it worketh for us, not against us, for a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

That is a powerful verse that you can meditate upon. In other words it does not matter what we have to go through now, God is working in us and through us to perfect us, to establish us and it will lead into an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

One more scripture before we pass on to our concluding thought. We have studied Romans 8 to some degree, noting the 17 things that cannot separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

There are if's and but's in some of the promises of God, but sometimes we forget them. He is changing us from glory to glory and the more he refines us the more that glory is inwrought within our souls and ultimately the outer man will be clothed with a body of glory.

We have to come to the concluding chapter of Job, which will take a long time to expound upon, but here we see Job praying for the friends who accused him, and he becomes a priestly man because God rejected the offerings and the prayers of his so-called friends who came to comfort him. God told them,

Job 42:7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

8. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

Instead of getting angry with these who made him miserable, Job learned a lesson ahead of us Christians. What was the lesson - as Paul tells us,

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

In other words, Job prays for his friends who were at one time his enemies, as God commanded them to bring their offerings for Job to offer for them. It says in chapter 42 verse 9 - "the LORD also accepted Job".

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Dear friends, we may all have enemies - external, internal and infernal, but the Lord does not want us to compromise with these enemies. We have no fellowship with the works of darkness. If we have enemies in the external then God wants us to pray for them. If we have enemies within us let us bring the enemies to the light and allow the Lord to drag out all of these traitors within us, that we will have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and we will walk in the realm of holiness. Notice when God turned the captivity of Job - when he prayed for his friends. Even to the last Job is being tested to see if he will overcome evil with good and yes he did. Then he got the double portion from God.

Job 42:12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13. He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14. And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15. And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

Under the Mosaic law only the male had the inheritance and now God is making provision for the female. You see five females who were given their inheritance because the father had no sons,

Numbers 27:1 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of

Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3. Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4. Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.

5. And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7. The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

God singled out five wise virgins who left Egypt, went through the wilderness and came into the promised land. They were privileged to share their father's inheritance. They shared equally as men and were given their inheritance. You never know how God will intervene and bring about changes for the best.

Let's look at the meanings of the names of Job's daughters,

1. Jemima - beautiful as the day or beautiful as the dove (the bird that is an emblem of peace and represents the Holy Spirit).
2. Kezia - fragrance, and it is the fruit of past sufferings
3. Kerenhappuch - born of beauty, the lustre of the eye

What can we learn from these names and these 7 sons? Job saw God face to face and now he has a single eye.

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

What kind of eye did Job have? It was an eye that was single towards God. Job learned from his experience, because he came to true repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

That word repentance means a change of mind. We need our minds to be changed as we face up to truth, and we are willing to exchange error and tradition for truth. The Bible tells us that we are being changed by “the renewing of the mind”. All of us need our minds to be renewed and girt with truth. Job had that single eye that brought him face to face with God. He placed his faith in his Redeemer, his resurrection and his Redeemer’s return.

Altogether these children became ten in number and ten links with many things. It can speak of a cycle of testing, ten can link with the Gentiles, ten can also mean the completeness of the nature of God within us. Like the man with the 1 pound gained 10 pounds. Only that man heard - “well done, good and faithful servant”. The seven sons and the three daughters meant that God had completed his work in the soul of Job. God gave Job spiritual increase. Job ended up full of beauty, full of fragrance, and full of power linking with the three daughters, - Jemima, Kezia, Kerenhappuch. Sons speak of strength and daughters speak of virtues. We see the inner development of the inner man because Job is fruitful in old age. He brings forth fruit in old age. It reminds me -

Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15. To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Job is fruitful in his old age and he becomes a father. He has a heart for his children. One of the end time signs of the coming of the Lord

Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Much more can be said about Job and what God gave him in the end, but we can't close today without giving the New Testament commentary on Job.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

(We all need help with patience. Patience is the same as endurance. It is a command.)

8. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

(We will have to learn patience before we are established and ready for the coming of the Lord.)

9. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

(He is standing right now before the door of your heart and mine. Can we pray like David, "search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me". If there is let us ask God to remove it, and the final part of the prayer, "and lead me in the way of everlasting". The judge stands at the door and judgment must begin at the house of God, and if we would judge ourselves we shall not be judged. May God help us to be daily under the microscope and telescope of God.)

10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

(You see Job is listed among the prophets, if you read this carefully. He is an example of suffering affliction patiently.)

11. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Beloved friends, it doesn't matter what we are going through at this time. God's end with us is to bless our latter end. May you never forget that - the end of the Lord is

pitiful and of tender mercy. The end of the Lord with Job was to bring Job to the end of himself, and Job confessed that when he said,

Job 42:5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

We too must do our repenting now! We too must hate sin now! We too must love righteousness now! Let's ask God to break us, and continually shape us and mold us into his image. This was God's processings in Job's life. What was the end of Job with God? God was very pitiful and of tender mercies. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever", David sang. We too can serve a merciful God because God shows us mercy when we do repent.

He showed mercy unto the Ninevites. Jonah was not glad when these people repented because they were Gentiles. He acted with prejudice, but God had to show him an object lesson. Jonah had to see areas in himself where he needed cleansing and deliverance. God showed Jonah the need for people to repent and turn to him because the Bible says that God does not delight in the wicked going in the way of destruction. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He is not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance. We should rejoice when people repent and turn to God from their sins. Not only with sinners but with the saints. We too have to come to true repentance and be willing for God to keep on changing us until we exchange our mind for his mind. We are being brought to the end of ourselves!

The latter end of God's church will be greater than the beginning at the time of Pentecost. We too are waiting and as God is patient as a husbandman to reap his harvest, there can be no harvest without the former and latter rain. We are on the brink of God sending the latter rain to ripen his harvest. Job was a candidate in his time for the latter rain and God ripened his nature and character in Job. May he do the same for us as we are getting ready for this greater rain that he has promised for these end times.

We will have to close with this wonderful man from the east. God is raising up a people from the east. It is like Peter says,

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

What day is Peter talking about? He is talking about the “Day of the Lord” replacing the day of man. What a wonderful thought that is. Job is a model for the overcomers. Job is the picture of a man that went through the refining fires of God and he learned to testify “when he has tried me I will come forth as pure gold”. May God do the same for us today. May God bless our listeners today. May we on this 211th day consider those numbers. Two is the number of screening or dividing, choosing - choosing the good and refusing the evil. Eleven links with Joseph who received the double portion of his father's inheritance. So, on day 211 God is speaking to us two numbers - we choose the good and we refuse the evil and we submit to God to put us through his processings like Job and Joseph that we may be privileged to receive the double portion of his blessings for these last days.

How wonderful to see God in control of Job's life and God making Job and Joseph and others in the hallmark of fame in God's book. God processed them, he refined them and he brought them through the school of suffering before they were promoted into a realm of glory.

Beloved friends, may this word from God encourage us today to keep looking unto him from whom cometh our help!

Heavenly Father we thank thee that the entrance of thy word giveth light. It gives understanding to the simple and we are a simple people. We pray you will continue to show us your ways as we walk before you. Let your light so shine within us that every trace of darkness will be removed and we will walk in the light as you are in the light. We will come to the light daily and hate sin and love righteousness. May you touch all of our listeners, whatever we all may be going through. We thank thee that thou art still our Jehovah Jireh - the Lord our Provider. You make a way at the Red Sea and you make a way at the Jordan. You are making a way for your people now through our trials and tribulations. We know that the end result will be good. We will continue to do like David - he encouraged himself in the Lord! We will continue like Paul said of Abraham - who against hope believed in hope - and like Abraham who waxed strong in faith giving glory to God, knowing that what God had promised he was able to perform! Like Mary - blessed is she that believeth for there shall be a performance of those things spoken to her of the Lord. We believe Lord and we lay hold of these precious promises. We pray encouragement, strength and victory for your people today and we give you praise, honor and glory for answering our petitions as we mingle them with thanksgiving in Jesus name. Amen and Amen!

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One more scripture before we pass on to our concluding thought. We have studied Romans 8 to some degree, noting the 17 things that cannot separate us from the love of God.

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18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

There are if's and but's in some of the promises of God, but sometimes we forget them. He is changing us from glory to glory and the more he refines us the more that glory is inwrought within our souls and ultimately the outer man will be clothed with a body of glory.

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Instead of getting angry with these who made him miserable, Job learned a lesson ahead of us Christians. What was the lesson - as Paul tells us,

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

In other words, Job prays for his friends who were at one time his enemies, as God commanded them to bring their offerings for Job to offer for them. It says in chapter 42 verse 9 - "the LORD also accepted Job".

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13. He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14. And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

15. And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

Under the Mosaic law only the male had the inheritance and now God is making provision for the female. You see five females who were given their inheritance because the father had no sons,

Numbers 27:1 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of

Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3. Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4. Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.

5. And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7. The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

God singled out five wise virgins who left Egypt, went through the wilderness and came into the promised land. They were privileged to share their father's inheritance. They shared equally as men and were given their inheritance. You never know how God will intervene and bring about changes for the best.

Let's look at the meanings of the names of Job's daughters,

1. Jemima - beautiful as the day or beautiful as the dove (the bird that is an emblem of peace and represents the Holy Spirit).
2. Kezia - fragrance, and it is the fruit of past sufferings
3. Kerenhappuch - born of beauty, the lustre of the eye

What can we learn from these names and these 7 sons? Job saw God face to face and now he has a single eye.

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

What kind of eye did Job have? It was an eye that was single towards God. Job learned from his experience, because he came to true repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

That word repentance means a change of mind. We need our minds to be changed as we face up to truth, and we are willing to exchange error and tradition for truth. The Bible tells us that we are being changed by “the renewing of the mind”. All of us need our minds to be renewed and girt with truth. Job had that single eye that brought him face to face with God. He placed his faith in his Redeemer, his resurrection and his Redeemer’s return.

Altogether these children became ten in number and ten links with many things. It can speak of a cycle of testing, ten can link with the Gentiles, ten can also mean the completeness of the nature of God within us. Like the man with the 1 pound gained 10 pounds. Only that man heard - “well done, good and faithful servant”. The seven sons and the three daughters meant that God had completed his work in the soul of Job. God gave Job spiritual increase. Job ended up full of beauty, full of fragrance, and full of power linking with the three daughters, - Jemima, Kezia, Kerenhappuch. Sons speak of strength and daughters speak of virtues. We see the inner development of the inner man because Job is fruitful in old age. He brings forth fruit in old age. It reminds me -

Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15. To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Job is fruitful in his old age and he becomes a father. He has a heart for his children. One of the end time signs of the coming of the Lord

Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Much more can be said about Job and what God gave him in the end, but we can't close today without giving the New Testament commentary on Job.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

(We all need help with patience. Patience is the same as endurance. It is a command.)

8. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

(We will have to learn patience before we are established and ready for the coming of the Lord.)

9. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

(He is standing right now before the door of your heart and mine. Can we pray like David, "search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me". If there is let us ask God to remove it, and the final part of the prayer, "and lead me in the way of everlasting". The judge stands at the door and judgment must begin at the house of God, and if we would judge ourselves we shall not be judged. May God help us to be daily under the microscope and telescope of God.)

10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

(You see Job is listed among the prophets, if you read this carefully. He is an example of suffering affliction patiently.)

11. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Beloved friends, it doesn't matter what we are going through at this time. God's end with us is to bless our latter end. May you never forget that - the end of the Lord is

pitiful and of tender mercy. The end of the Lord with Job was to bring Job to the end of himself, and Job confessed that when he said,

Job 42:5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

We too must do our repenting now! We too must hate sin now! We too must love righteousness now! Let's ask God to break us, and continually shape us and mold us into his image. This was God's processings in Job's life. What was the end of Job with God? God was very pitiful and of tender mercies. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever", David sang. We too can serve a merciful God because God shows us mercy when we do repent.

He showed mercy unto the Ninevites. Jonah was not glad when these people repented because they were Gentiles. He acted with prejudice, but God had to show him an object lesson. Jonah had to see areas in himself where he needed cleansing and deliverance. God showed Jonah the need for people to repent and turn to him because the Bible says that God does not delight in the wicked going in the way of destruction. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He is not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance. We should rejoice when people repent and turn to God from their sins. Not only with sinners but with the saints. We too have to come to true repentance and be willing for God to keep on changing us until we exchange our mind for his mind. We are being brought to the end of ourselves!

The latter end of God's church will be greater than the beginning at the time of Pentecost. We too are waiting and as God is patient as a husbandman to reap his harvest, there can be no harvest without the former and latter rain. We are on the brink of God sending the latter rain to ripen his harvest. Job was a candidate in his time for the latter rain and God ripened his nature and character in Job. May he do the same for us as we are getting ready for this greater rain that he has promised for these end times.

We will have to close with this wonderful man from the east. God is raising up a people from the east. It is like Peter says,

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

What day is Peter talking about? He is talking about the “Day of the Lord” replacing the day of man. What a wonderful thought that is. Job is a model for the overcomers. Job is the picture of a man that went through the refining fires of God and he learned to testify “when he has tried me I will come forth as pure gold”. May God do the same for us today. May God bless our listeners today. May we on this 211th day consider those numbers. Two is the number of screening or dividing, choosing - choosing the good and refusing the evil. Eleven links with Joseph who received the double portion of his father's inheritance. So, on day 211 God is speaking to us two numbers - we choose the good and we refuse the evil and we submit to God to put us through his processings like Job and Joseph that we may be privileged to receive the double portion of his blessings for these last days.

How wonderful to see God in control of Job's life and God making Job and Joseph and others in the hallmark of fame in God's book. God processed them, he refined them and he brought them through the school of suffering before they were promoted into a realm of glory.

Beloved friends, may this word from God encourage us today to keep looking unto him from whom cometh our help!

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Good morning to all of our listeners on this 30th day of July, 2017, day 211. We can say with the psalmist, David, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". Like Moses we too learn to pray "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom".

We were studying last week about the man Job and we found that his name means, "he will return" and it also means "a penitent". It can also be translated as "repentance". Job is one of the greatest Old Testament characters of the Bible. The Lord himself was pleased with the life of Job and said of him "there is none like him in the earth". He is a man from the east. The east speaks of the dawning of a new day. The east can have both a positive and negative meaning. It will be wonderful for you to see what comes from the east. Yes, plagues can come from the east - like the east wind and other judgements that come from the east. How about the positive side. Where did the wise men come from (Matthew 2:1); they came from the east. Who is the righteous man from the east that God promised to raise up? That undoubtedly was Cyrus.

Isaiah 41:2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow

We read of an angel from the east in Revelation.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

So we see that the east can have more than one meaning. In the positive sense Job was a wise man indeed and he was a righteous man. He was a man that we could say fulfilled the role of an angel or messenger of God. Job is pictured in the scriptures as a patriarch, priest and prophet. But notice this, he is not of the Mosaic dispensation. He is of the universal family of man. Neither Job nor his friends were subject to the requirements of the levitical law. That is something to pay attention to, they were Gentiles not Hebrews. They were recipients of truths passed on by Adam, Enoch and Noah. Remember, the father makes known God's will to the son. The truths of God's will were passed on from Adam to Enoch and to Noah and ultimately we come to Father Abraham. As we consider this man in a priestly role we can ask ourselves a question.

Before there was a priesthood under Aaron (the first high priest) were there priest on the earth and who is a priest? A priest is one who stands between God and man to reconcile God to man and man to God. The Hebrew word is "kohen". A priest is almost synonymous with a mediator "the man that stands in the middle".

You can see the priestly character of Job because he offers burnt offerings for his entire family. He does the same in the closing chapter. So, how do we account for a priesthood before the Aaronic Priesthood? That is not an easy question to solve. However, if you study the scriptures you will see that the firstborn in a family were the ones that became the priest to bless the family, as well as to be the leader of the family. That is why the firstborn was given two portions or a double portion. One portion was the priesthood and the other was leadership (we could extend it to kingship). We see Job in his priestly character, but he is in a long list of men who are priestly men. Do you remember the first thing that Noah did when he came out of the ark? He built an altar and offered burnt offerings on that altar. A priest ministers at the altar. The altar speaks of the cross. The word altar means the elevated place - the slaughtering place. Noah is a man that can bless his family as he pronounced blessing on Shem and Japheth, though judgment had to come on Ham and his descendents. Noah performed the role of a priest and he was the firstborn of his family. His father named him Noah which means,

Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

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Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

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Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Much more can be said about Job and what God gave him in the end, but we can't close today without giving the New Testament commentary on Job.

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(We all need help with patience. Patience is the same as endurance. It is a command.)

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(We will have to learn patience before we are established and ready for the coming of the Lord.)

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(He is standing right now before the door of your heart and mine. Can we pray like David, "search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me". If there is let us ask God to remove it, and the final part of the prayer, "and lead me in the way of everlasting". The judge stands at the door and judgment must begin at the house of God, and if we would judge ourselves we shall not be judged. May God help us to be daily under the microscope and telescope of God.)

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(You see Job is listed among the prophets, if you read this carefully. He is an example of suffering affliction patiently.)

11. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

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pitiful and of tender mercy. The end of the Lord with Job was to bring Job to the end of himself, and Job confessed that when he said,

Job 42:5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

We too must do our repenting now! We too must hate sin now! We too must love righteousness now! Let's ask God to break us, and continually shape us and mold us into his image. This was God's processings in Job's life. What was the end of Job with God? God was very pitiful and of tender mercies. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever", David sang. We too can serve a merciful God because God shows us mercy when we do repent.

He showed mercy unto the Ninevites. Jonah was not glad when these people repented because they were Gentiles. He acted with prejudice, but God had to show him an object lesson. Jonah had to see areas in himself where he needed cleansing and deliverance. God showed Jonah the need for people to repent and turn to him because the Bible says that God does not delight in the wicked going in the way of destruction. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He is not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance. We should rejoice when people repent and turn to God from their sins. Not only with sinners but with the saints. We too have to come to true repentance and be willing for God to keep on changing us until we exchange our mind for his mind. We are being brought to the end of ourselves!

The latter end of God's church will be greater than the beginning at the time of Pentecost. We too are waiting and as God is patient as a husbandman to reap his harvest, there can be no harvest without the former and latter rain. We are on the brink of God sending the latter rain to ripen his harvest. Job was a candidate in his time for the latter rain and God ripened his nature and character in Job. May he do the same for us as we are getting ready for this greater rain that he has promised for these end times.

We will have to close with this wonderful man from the east. God is raising up a people from the east. It is like Peter says,

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

What day is Peter talking about? He is talking about the “Day of the Lord” replacing the day of man. What a wonderful thought that is. Job is a model for the overcomers. Job is the picture of a man that went through the refining fires of God and he learned to testify “when he has tried me I will come forth as pure gold”. May God do the same for us today. May God bless our listeners today. May we on this 211th day consider those numbers. Two is the number of screening or dividing, choosing - choosing the good and refusing the evil. Eleven links with Joseph who received the double portion of his father's inheritance. So, on day 211 God is speaking to us two numbers - we choose the good and we refuse the evil and we submit to God to put us through his processings like Job and Joseph that we may be privileged to receive the double portion of his blessings for these last days.

How wonderful to see God in control of Job's life and God making Job and Joseph and others in the hallmark of fame in God's book. God processed them, he refined them and he brought them through the school of suffering before they were promoted into a realm of glory.

Beloved friends, may this word from God encourage us today to keep looking unto him from whom cometh our help!

Heavenly Father we thank thee that the entrance of thy word giveth light. It gives understanding to the simple and we are a simple people. We pray you will continue to show us your ways as we walk before you. Let your light so shine within us that every trace of darkness will be removed and we will walk in the light as you are in the light. We will come to the light daily and hate sin and love righteousness. May you touch all of our listeners, whatever we all may be going through. We thank thee that thou art still our Jehovah Jireh - the Lord our Provider. You make a way at the Red Sea and you make a way at the Jordan. You are making a way for your people now through our trials and tribulations. We know that the end result will be good. We will continue to do like David - he encouraged himself in the Lord! We will continue like Paul said of Abraham - who against hope believed in hope - and like Abraham who waxed strong in faith giving glory to God, knowing that what God had promised he was able to perform! Like Mary - blessed is she that believeth for there shall be a performance of those things spoken to her of the Lord. We believe Lord and we lay hold of these precious promises. We pray encouragement, strength and victory for your people today and we give you praise, honor and glory for answering our petitions as we mingle them with thanksgiving in Jesus name. Amen and Amen!

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Good morning to all of our listeners on this 30th day of July, 2017, day 211. We can say with the psalmist, David, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". Like Moses we too learn to pray "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom".

We were studying last week about the man Job and we found that his name means, "he will return" and it also means "a penitent". It can also be translated as "repentance". Job is one of the greatest Old Testament characters of the Bible. The Lord himself was pleased with the life of Job and said of him "there is none like him in the earth". He is a man from the east. The east speaks of the dawning of a new day. The east can have both a positive and negative meaning. It will be wonderful for you to see what comes from the east. Yes, plagues can come from the east - like the east wind and other judgements that come from the east. How about the positive side. Where did the wise men come from (Matthew 2:1); they came from the east. Who is the righteous man from the east that God promised to raise up? That undoubtedly was Cyrus.

Isaiah 41:2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow

We read of an angel from the east in Revelation.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

So we see that the east can have more than one meaning. In the positive sense Job was a wise man indeed and he was a righteous man. He was a man that we could say fulfilled the role of an angel or messenger of God. Job is pictured in the scriptures as a patriarch, priest and prophet. But notice this, he is not of the Mosaic dispensation. He is of the universal family of man. Neither Job nor his friends were subject to the requirements of the levitical law. That is something to pay attention to, they were Gentiles not Hebrews. They were recipients of truths passed on by Adam, Enoch and Noah. Remember, the father makes known God's will to the son. The truths of God's will were passed on from Adam to Enoch and to Noah and ultimately we come to Father Abraham. As we consider this man in a priestly role we can ask ourselves a question.

Before there was a priesthood under Aaron (the first high priest) were there priest on the earth and who is a priest? A priest is one who stands between God and man to reconcile God to man and man to God. The Hebrew word is "kohen". A priest is almost synonymous with a mediator "the man that stands in the middle".

You can see the priestly character of Job because he offers burnt offerings for his entire family. He does the same in the closing chapter. So, how do we account for a priesthood before the Aaronic Priesthood? That is not an easy question to solve. However, if you study the scriptures you will see that the firstborn in a family were the ones that became the priest to bless the family, as well as to be the leader of the family. That is why the firstborn was given two portions or a double portion. One portion was the priesthood and the other was leadership (we could extend it to kingship). We see Job in his priestly character, but he is in a long list of men who are priestly men. Do you remember the first thing that Noah did when he came out of the ark? He built an altar and offered burnt offerings on that altar. A priest ministers at the altar. The altar speaks of the cross. The word altar means the elevated place - the slaughtering place. Noah is a man that can bless his family as he pronounced blessing on Shem and Japheth, though judgment had to come on Ham and his descendents. Noah performed the role of a priest and he was the firstborn of his family. His father named him Noah which means,

Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

As we go on to other important characters in the Bible, I am sure that Shem performed the role of priest. Proceeding to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - all three of these men built altars. Abraham built four altars. Isaac dug four wells and Jacob erected four pillars or monuments. All of that is full of meaning! They knew the value of the altar and the tent. In the time of Abraham, he built an altar and he lived in a tent. How does that apply to us? Our tent today is our physical bodies and our altar is the cross. We glory in the Christ of the cross.

At the cross,
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Today, in Jesus Christ, God has made us kings and priests. In the Old Testament times a king could not be a priest and a priest could not be a king. King Uzziah sought to be a priest, but leprosy broke forth on his forehead.

2 Chron 26:19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

Saul lost the kingship because he presumed to offer sacrifice without waiting on Samuel. The two offices were to be kept distinct, but the two offices were seen in Melchizedek, Priest of the Most High God and King of Salem. A picture of the Lord Jesus, who is both King and Priest. We are potentially kings and priests in Christ. We are to offer, not literal sacrifices, but we offer ourselves as we begin each day and we lay our all on the altar. That means we say "Lord, here I am, take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee". We also dwell in a tent. Peter calls us "strangers and pilgrims". We live on this earth but we are not at home here. A stranger is one that is not at home and a pilgrim is one that is on his way home. Beloved friends, though we are in the world we are not of the world. I brought all of that out to show you that God had a priesthood long before the Aaronic priesthood. Jesus came and fulfilled both the role of king and priest and now in him he has made us kings and priests unto our God, because he has washed us in his cleansing blood.

The name Job also means "afflicted". Job faced disaster upon disaster, but his faith did not falter. His faith reigned when he had a vision of the Lord in Job 19:23-27, as we pointed out last week. He wanted his words to be preserved and God in mercy allowed his experiences to be recorded in the Holy Scriptures and the scriptures are true and they bear witness to this man Job. What a wonderful character we find in him as he had to go through the school of affliction. In his trials he placed his faith in the one who was his Redeemer. The one who was his resurrection and he looked forward to the return of that kinsman redeemer. A kinsman redeemer is one that is related to the family by blood and has the resources to help a brother in debt. The reason he was given a double portion was so he could help the rest of his brethren in their hour of need. We are all debtors, we have all sinned and we could not come to God on our own, as we read in Psalm 49:6-8. We needed a kinsman and that is why the Bible says,

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In this story there are many lessons to be learned, but we can only take a few. The two words I would like to bring in are suffering and glory. Jesus speaking to the two on the way to Emmaus corrected those two disciples because they were expecting a Messiah to come only as a king and not as a suffering servant. He had to open up the scriptures to them as we read in Luke,

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

What precedes the glory - the suffering! Many want the crown but few want the cross, but you cannot separate the sufferings from the glory. Look at what Job went through, but look at the outcome. We will read the New Testament commentary on Job in the book of James, but before we do that we want to point out the man that resisted Jesus going to the cross - you know much about him - it was Simon Peter. When Simon Peter heard that Jesus was going to go to the cross and die and rise again he said,

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How wonderful to see God in control of Job's life and God making Job and Joseph and others in the hallmark of fame in God's book. God processed them, he refined them and he brought them through the school of suffering before they were promoted into a realm of glory.

Beloved friends, may this word from God encourage us today to keep looking unto him from whom cometh our help!

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Good morning to all of our listeners on this 30th day of July, 2017, day 211. We can say with the psalmist, David, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". Like Moses we too learn to pray "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom".

We were studying last week about the man Job and we found that his name means, "he will return" and it also means "a penitent". It can also be translated as "repentance". Job is one of the greatest Old Testament characters of the Bible. The Lord himself was pleased with the life of Job and said of him "there is none like him in the earth". He is a man from the east. The east speaks of the dawning of a new day. The east can have both a positive and negative meaning. It will be wonderful for you to see what comes from the east. Yes, plagues can come from the east - like the east wind and other judgements that come from the east. How about the positive side. Where did the wise men come from (Matthew 2:1); they came from the east. Who is the righteous man from the east that God promised to raise up? That undoubtedly was Cyrus.

Isaiah 41:2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow

We read of an angel from the east in Revelation.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

So we see that the east can have more than one meaning. In the positive sense Job was a wise man indeed and he was a righteous man. He was a man that we could say fulfilled the role of an angel or messenger of God. Job is pictured in the scriptures as a patriarch, priest and prophet. But notice this, he is not of the Mosaic dispensation. He is of the universal family of man. Neither Job nor his friends were subject to the requirements of the levitical law. That is something to pay attention to, they were Gentiles not Hebrews. They were recipients of truths passed on by Adam, Enoch and Noah. Remember, the father makes known God's will to the son. The truths of God's will were passed on from Adam to Enoch and to Noah and ultimately we come to Father Abraham. As we consider this man in a priestly role we can ask ourselves a question.

Before there was a priesthood under Aaron (the first high priest) were there priest on the earth and who is a priest? A priest is one who stands between God and man to reconcile God to man and man to God. The Hebrew word is "kohen". A priest is almost synonymous with a mediator "the man that stands in the middle".

You can see the priestly character of Job because he offers burnt offerings for his entire family. He does the same in the closing chapter. So, how do we account for a priesthood before the Aaronic Priesthood? That is not an easy question to solve. However, if you study the scriptures you will see that the firstborn in a family were the ones that became the priest to bless the family, as well as to be the leader of the family. That is why the firstborn was given two portions or a double portion. One portion was the priesthood and the other was leadership (we could extend it to kingship). We see Job in his priestly character, but he is in a long list of men who are priestly men. Do you remember the first thing that Noah did when he came out of the ark? He built an altar and offered burnt offerings on that altar. A priest ministers at the altar. The altar speaks of the cross. The word altar means the elevated place - the slaughtering place. Noah is a man that can bless his family as he pronounced blessing on Shem and Japheth, though judgment had to come on Ham and his descendents. Noah performed the role of a priest and he was the firstborn of his family. His father named him Noah which means,

Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

As we go on to other important characters in the Bible, I am sure that Shem performed the role of priest. Proceeding to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - all three of these men built altars. Abraham built four altars. Isaac dug four wells and Jacob erected four pillars or monuments. All of that is full of meaning! They knew the value of the altar and the tent. In the time of Abraham, he built an altar and he lived in a tent. How does that apply to us? Our tent today is our physical bodies and our altar is the cross. We glory in the Christ of the cross.

At the cross,
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Where I first saw the light.

Today, in Jesus Christ, God has made us kings and priests. In the Old Testament times a king could not be a priest and a priest could not be a king. King Uzziah sought to be a priest, but leprosy broke forth on his forehead.

2 Chron 26:19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

Saul lost the kingship because he presumed to offer sacrifice without waiting on Samuel. The two offices were to be kept distinct, but the two offices were seen in Melchizedek, Priest of the Most High God and King of Salem. A picture of the Lord Jesus, who is both King and Priest. We are potentially kings and priests in Christ. We are to offer, not literal sacrifices, but we offer ourselves as we begin each day and we lay our all on the altar. That means we say "Lord, here I am, take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee". We also dwell in a tent. Peter calls us "strangers and pilgrims". We live on this earth but we are not at home here. A stranger is one that is not at home and a pilgrim is one that is on his way home. Beloved friends, though we are in the world we are not of the world. I brought all of that out to show you that God had a priesthood long before the Aaronic priesthood. Jesus came and fulfilled both the role of king and priest and now in him he has made us kings and priests unto our God, because he has washed us in his cleansing blood.

The name Job also means "afflicted". Job faced disaster upon disaster, but his faith did not falter. His faith reigned when he had a vision of the Lord in Job 19:23-27, as we pointed out last week. He wanted his words to be preserved and God in mercy allowed his experiences to be recorded in the Holy Scriptures and the scriptures are true and they bear witness to this man Job. What a wonderful character we find in him as he had to go through the school of affliction. In his trials he placed his faith in the one who was his Redeemer. The one who was his resurrection and he looked forward to the return of that kinsman redeemer. A kinsman redeemer is one that is related to the family by blood and has the resources to help a brother in debt. The reason he was given a double portion was so he could help the rest of his brethren in their hour of need. We are all debtors, we have all sinned and we could not come to God on our own, as we read in Psalm 49:6-8. We needed a kinsman and that is why the Bible says,

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

That meant that Jesus became part of the human family and that is the mystery of the incarnation, "God became a man". Jesus stood between the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man, and he paid the price to redeem man which was his precious blood. Because of the cross - the hand of God can be joined to the hand of man, and there is a

reconciliation between God and man. Man can have peace with God, and ultimately have the peace of God ruling in his heart and mind.

In this story there are many lessons to be learned, but we can only take a few. The two words I would like to bring in are suffering and glory. Jesus speaking to the two on the way to Emmaus corrected those two disciples because they were expecting a Messiah to come only as a king and not as a suffering servant. He had to open up the scriptures to them as we read in Luke,

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

What precedes the glory - the suffering! Many want the crown but few want the cross, but you cannot separate the sufferings from the glory. Look at what Job went through, but look at the outcome. We will read the New Testament commentary on Job in the book of James, but before we do that we want to point out the man that resisted Jesus going to the cross - you know much about him - it was Simon Peter. When Simon Peter heard that Jesus was going to go to the cross and die and rise again he said,

Matthew 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

The Lord had to give him a strong rebuke because Satan had put that thought in his mind,

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

The same Peter that confessed him as the “the Christ, the Son of the Living God”, is now trying to let Jesus escape the cross. Jesus had to go the way of the cross, there was no other way for man to be redeemed. Allow me to read a few scriptures from the epistle of Peter and notice how this same Peter has learned his lesson. He writes something not only from himself but out of his own experiences he exhorts the saints. He tells us in his first epistle and in the first chapter,

1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Please notice the sufferings first and the glory to follow. We go on to the fourth chapter and read,

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

That speaks for itself! Let go on to the fifth chapter,

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How many of us are willing to go through the school of suffering, whether it be spiritual, physical, mental or otherwise. AFTER you have suffered a while. That is the ultimate goal of God for all of his saints in this day and hour. God is looking for a mature, perfect (full grown, established - not unstable, strengthened and settled) saints. That is the kind of man that Job proved to be and that is the kind of apostle that God made out of Simon Peter. It is great to see Peter learning his lessons.

We will look at a few more verses, because the scriptures are written for our comfort and exhortation. Look at these beautiful words that we are familiar with, but we need to keep them in our hearts all the time.

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How long is our light affliction - for a moment, it is only for a period of time and it worketh for us, not against us, for a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

That is a powerful verse that you can meditate upon. In other words it does not matter what we have to go through now, God is working in us and through us to perfect us, to establish us and it will lead into an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

One more scripture before we pass on to our concluding thought. We have studied Romans 8 to some degree, noting the 17 things that cannot separate us from the love of God.

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There are if's and but's in some of the promises of God, but sometimes we forget them. He is changing us from glory to glory and the more he refines us the more that glory is inwrought within our souls and ultimately the outer man will be clothed with a body of glory.

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Instead of getting angry with these who made him miserable, Job learned a lesson ahead of us Christians. What was the lesson - as Paul tells us,

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In other words, Job prays for his friends who were at one time his enemies, as God commanded them to bring their offerings for Job to offer for them. It says in chapter 42 verse 9 - "the LORD also accepted Job".

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Dear friends, we may all have enemies - external, internal and infernal, but the Lord does not want us to compromise with these enemies. We have no fellowship with the works of darkness. If we have enemies in the external then God wants us to pray for them. If we have enemies within us let us bring the enemies to the light and allow the Lord to drag out all of these traitors within us, that we will have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and we will walk in the realm of holiness. Notice when God turned the captivity of Job - when he prayed for his friends. Even to the last Job is being tested to see if he will overcome evil with good and yes he did. Then he got the double portion from God.

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Numbers 27:1 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of

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We will have to close with this wonderful man from the east. God is raising up a people from the east. It is like Peter says,

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

What day is Peter talking about? He is talking about the “Day of the Lord” replacing the day of man. What a wonderful thought that is. Job is a model for the overcomers. Job is the picture of a man that went through the refining fires of God and he learned to testify “when he has tried me I will come forth as pure gold”. May God do the same for us today. May God bless our listeners today. May we on this 211th day consider those numbers. Two is the number of screening or dividing, choosing - choosing the good and refusing the evil. Eleven links with Joseph who received the double portion of his father's inheritance. So, on day 211 God is speaking to us two numbers - we choose the good and we refuse the evil and we submit to God to put us through his processings like Job and Joseph that we may be privileged to receive the double portion of his blessings for these last days.

How wonderful to see God in control of Job's life and God making Job and Joseph and others in the hallmark of fame in God's book. God processed them, he refined them and he brought them through the school of suffering before they were promoted into a realm of glory.

Beloved friends, may this word from God encourage us today to keep looking unto him from whom cometh our help!

Heavenly Father we thank thee that the entrance of thy word giveth light. It gives understanding to the simple and we are a simple people. We pray you will continue to show us your ways as we walk before you. Let your light so shine within us that every trace of darkness will be removed and we will walk in the light as you are in the light. We will come to the light daily and hate sin and love righteousness. May you touch all of our listeners, whatever we all may be going through. We thank thee that thou art still our Jehovah Jireh - the Lord our Provider. You make a way at the Red Sea and you make a way at the Jordan. You are making a way for your people now through our trials and tribulations. We know that the end result will be good. We will continue to do like David - he encouraged himself in the Lord! We will continue like Paul said of Abraham - who against hope believed in hope - and like Abraham who waxed strong in faith giving glory to God, knowing that what God had promised he was able to perform! Like Mary - blessed is she that believeth for there shall be a performance of those things spoken to her of the Lord. We believe Lord and we lay hold of these precious promises. We pray encouragement, strength and victory for your people today and we give you praise, honor and glory for answering our petitions as we mingle them with thanksgiving in Jesus name. Amen and Amen!